

**REMARKS**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 10-24 were rejected under 35USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US 2002/0116541 ("Parker"). Claim 9 was rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Parker in view of US 6,035,295 alleged by the Examiner to be Heinonen. Applicant notes that US 6,035,295 is actually to "Klein" and not to "Heinonen". Applicant assumes that, for the Heinonen reference, the Examiner actually intended to refer to US 6,633,758 instead of US 6,035,295.

Parker discloses a system and method for notifying users in a manner that is appropriate for the event and the environment of the user. Figure 9, and the accompanying text found in paragraphs 50-56 are of note. The flow-chart in Figure 9 discloses an embodiment for automatically setting the device into a notification mode. Step 902 discloses a determination operation of "Upon occurrence of a calendar event, has predetermined notification mode been set for the event". Step 904 discloses "selected mode applied for small computer device, remain in mode". Different notification modes can be set in accordance with the disclosure associated with Figures 5-7.

Under 35 U.S.C. 102(e): "A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The claims have been amended to overcome the objections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). Claim 1 as currently amended recites:

1. [Currently Amended] An electronic device comprising:  
at least one output device for emitting a plurality of different signals; and,

a microcomputer for processing a plurality of first events and a plurality of second events such that when one of said second events occurs during one of said plurality of first events said microcomputer derives a notification mode from a plurality of notification modes based on at least one criterion associated with said one of said plurality of first events and instructs said output device to emit one of said signals according to said notification mode, said notification mode for said one of said plurality of first events being determined from a profile selected from a plurality of different profiles; **each of said notification modes having a set of identical parameters; each of said notification modes being uniquely configurable for each of said second events.**

It is respectfully submitted that at least the feature of "**each of said notification modes having a set of identical parameters; each of said notification modes being uniquely configurable for each of said second events**", is neither expressly nor inherently disclosed in the prior art. In Parker, Figures 5-7 show screens for configuring a notification mode, but those configurations do not disclose or suggest this feature. Support for this amendment can be found in at least Table I of the present application, which show notification modes each having a set of identical parameters, and each of the notification modes being uniquely configurable for different second events. Respectfully, claim 1 is now deemed allowable. Similar amendments have been made to the other independent claims and are likewise now deemed allowable.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with and traverses all prior art rejections in relation to the dependent claims, and reserves the right to reintroduce subject-matter thereof in a subsequent application. However, as the remaining dependent claims all depend from other claims which are

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now deemed allowable, it is respectfully submitted that those remaining claims are also now deemed allowable and objections thereto are moot.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants believe that they have fully responded to the Examiner's concerns and that the claims are now in condition for immediate allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims.

The Applicants hereby request that any fee which may be required for the papers being filed with this letter be charged to, or any overpayment be credited to, Account No. 50-3750.

In the event that any PTO official wishes to discuss this application on the telephone, the call should be directed to the undersigned at 416-920-8170 x109.

Yours very truly,



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